July 28, 1952

Dear Luca:

Your airmailed ms. dated July 18 has just been received. I suppose the mails lie on the ground for two weeks, and are then hastily flown. [I may have mentioned that my correspondence to Japan has usually taken, by contrast, two or three days!

The ms. seems perfectly ok, except for some typographical points that you may already have corrected, but some of which I note below. Your suggested reprint arrangement, that we each purchase 200 reprints respectively for the account of the other, seems very satisfactory. Mrs. Lederberg has just been nominated and has applied for membership in the Soc. Een. Microbiol., and we will be interested to see the ease of publications in their journal.

We expect to take a few weeks vacation (perhaps to Quebec) starting about August 15. The Department here will forward any mail, but probably not too efficiently. I have seen references to Haemmerling's book, but

have hot seen it anywhere. Is it still in print?

summary:

forcit homothallic

Lederberg Cavalli and Lederberg, probably 1953 p. 1 Lederberg, E.M. and Lederberg, J. 1953., not J and EM. Are initials necessary?

separation of the infective (infectivity?).... p. 6

p. 14 methionine

p. 16 Infective inheritance was described...

References:

Hotchkiss .

Lederberg and Lederberg 1953 is misplaced.

L.C. & L. 1953.

Lederberg et al. 1951 is Cold Spring Har bos Symposia, 16:413-443. (Reprints are in the mails).

Newcombe and Nyholm:a segregations b dependence

Genetics, 37: 297-311 Rothfels 1952:

I will return the other ms, copy to you when it arrives.

Sincerely,

Joshua Filiabre

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. The F+/ lambda lysates experiments is again in doubt. We are running into the problem of filterable contaminations again. We had noticed with Salmonella that it is quite difficult to sterilize certain kystems lysates by filtration, and that the surviving bacteria may require some time or special conditions to show themselves.